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Invention: DIVOT REDUCTION IN SIMOX LAYERS

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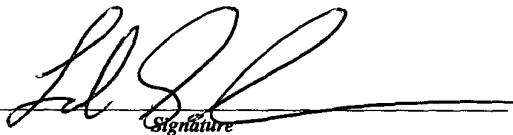
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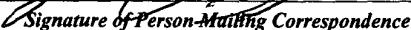
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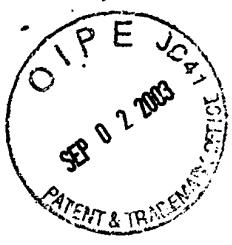
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

Sir:

In further response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, applicants submit a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 for consideration in conjunction with the previously filed response dated July 28, 2003.

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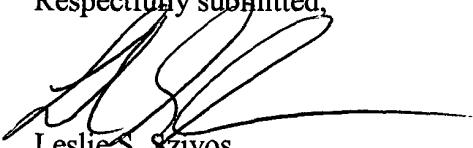
## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the accompanying Declaration under 35 U.S.C. §1.132 in conjunction with the previously filed response dated July 28, 2003.

The present Declaration provides experiments and data to establish that the claimed annealing ambient is not obvious relative to the disclosures of Sadana '643, Sadana '689, and Tachimori, et al. cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated March 26, 2003. More specifically, the enclosed colored micrographs, which are part of the Declaration, indicate that applicants have unexpectedly determined that the use of an ambient gas comprising 0 to about 90% oxygen and from about 10 to about 100% of N<sub>2</sub> is capable of providing an SOI substrate that contains a superfacial Si-containing layer that has a substantial reduced number of tile or divot defects, as compared to SOI substrates that are not annealed in the claimed gas ambient. The reduction of divot formation due to the inventive method was unexpected because the claimed annealing atmosphere was considered by those having ordinary skill in the art to effect only buried oxide formation.

Thus, in view of the previously submitted remarks in conjunction with the evidence submitted in the present Declaration, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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